

Part B

LEAD AGENCY/BUREAU AND/OR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORT (Agencies with Lead Responsibilities Assigned under Circular A-16 in Appendix E - <http://www.fgdc.gov/publications/a16final.html#appendix>) (Please provide a separate report for each activity for which you have the lead)

1. Program/Activity Name Historical Data Working Group
2. What are the specific federal programs this data supports? N/A
3. Uses of Data: How does your data benefit customers and support agency missions?

The Historical Data Committee facilitates the long-term retention, storage, and accessibility of selected historically valuable geospatial data.

4. Charter/Plan: Do you have a current charter or plan for collection? If so - please describe (include how recently the charter/plan was implemented and whether it is in need of update).

Yes. We reexamined the Charter of the Committee during the recent FGDC reorganization efforts and received approval to maintain the charter in its current status.

5. Performance Measures: Does your agency have performance measures for your data theme? If so, please list the measures and whether you achieved your goals. N/A
6. Metadata Status: Is metadata discoverable and served through the NSDI Clearinghouse? What percentage of this theme's data has metadata and is in a Clearinghouse node? N/A
7. Standards: What is the status of this theme's data, process, transfer, and classification standards? N/A
8. Progress: List FY 2004 activities/progress to date (quantify where possible).

The HDC presented the NARA transfer status guidelines for geospatial data during the June FGDC meeting.

9. Participation: List participating Federal agencies. NARA, USGS.

10. Planned Activities: What are your planned activities for FY05?

The HDC will examine the feasibility of using the Hierarchical Data Format (HDF) as a format for long-term archival retention. The committee is also in the process of expanding its active membership.

11. Policy: Do you have a formal agency policy in place for full and open access or data sharing? Are you able to fulfill this policy and provide public access with your current agency financial resources as allocated or are you in pursuit of collaborative federal partnerships to support data access? N/A
12. Are there areas or issues regarding lead responsibilities for spatial data themes that require attention, or lessons-learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe.